

Common Sense Health Coverage for Uninsured Tennesseans

## History of Uninsured



#### TennCare was once a partial solution for the uninsured

- It turns out, the majority of uninsured adults were never on TennCare
- Program is mired in multiple federal lawsuits
- ☐ TennCare was bankrupting the state
- ☐ A new, affordable, common sense approach is needed

## **Today's Uninsured**



#### Who are the uninsured?

- A statewide study of the uninsured\*:
  - 53% of Tennessee's working uninsured work for a company of fewer than 25 employees
  - 58% of uninsured have family incomes below \$30,000
  - 83% of working uninsured are in permanent, full-time positions
  - 80% of respondents do not buy health insurance because they cannot afford it
  - Other research indicates neither employers nor employees want to pay more than \$100 per month
- March 2006 US Census Data\*\*:
  - 833,114 uninsured Tennesseans
    - 705,441 adults
    - 127,673 children under age 18

<sup>\*</sup> TN Dept. of Commerce and Insurance study 12/05

<sup>\*\*</sup> American Community Survey, data as of March 2006, http://pubdb3.census.gov/macro/032006/health/h05\_000.htm

## **Guiding Principles**



#### Governor Bredesen's key themes for Cover Tennessee

- □ Accessibility
  - State creates a partnership to bring health coverage costs within reach
  - Make affordable coverage options available to children, chronically ill and working Tennesseans
- □ Effectiveness
  - Pay for basic care first: preventive care, primary care, generic drugs
  - Pay for what works: pay for best practices, disease management
- □ Personal Responsibility
  - Everyone should pay something
  - Individuals should be responsible for their health care decisions

## **Five Components**



- ☐ Three Insurance Plans
  - CoverKids comprehensive coverage
  - AccessTN comprehensive coverage
  - CoverTN basic health coverage
- □ Pharmacy Assistance for the Uninsured
  - CoverRx
- ☐ Prevention, Healthy Lifestyles, and Personal Responsibility
  - ProjectDiabetes and Coordinated School Health

## For Children



# COVERKIdS

Creates a partnership between state and federal government to offer health insurance to uninsured children in Tennessee

- ☐ Comprehensive health coverage benefits modeled after the state employee health plan
- □ Independent from TennCare
- ☐ Emphasis on wellness and prevention; coverage to emphasize immunizations, well-child exams
- Maximizes federal funding (\$3 to \$1 federal match vs. \$2 for \$1 match in TennCare)
- ☐ 49 other states operate State Children's Health Insurance Plan (SCHIP)

### For Children



# COVERKI ds

#### **Eligibility:**

- ☐ Children 18 and under
- ☐ Household income up to 250% of federal poverty level (FPL)
  - Buy in available for applicants over 250% FPL
- US Citizen or qualified legal alien
- □ Tennessee resident
- "Go Bare" (without health coverage): 3 months
  - Waived for newborns up to 4 months of age
- Maternity coverage available for pregnant women
- □ Screened first for TennCare eligibility or access to other state-sponsored health insurance

### For Children





#### Timeline:

- September, 2006: Submitted plan for federal approval
- January 2007: Awarded contract to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee to administer plan
- January 18, 2007: Received federal approval
- ☐ February, 2007: Awarded contract to PSI for enrollment and eligibility
- ☐ March, 2007: Enrollment begins

## Now accepting applications!



# ACCESS®TN

Provides health insurance option for chronically ill and medically uninsurable Tennesseans

- ☐ Comprehensive health coverage
  - Benefits modeled after the state employee health plan
- Guaranteed issue health insurance
  - No one will be denied coverage because they have a pre-existing medical condition
- High-risk pool; 34 states currently operate similar pools



# ACCESS®TN

### **Eligibility**

- No income determination, no asset test
- US citizen or qualified legal alien
- ☐ Tennessee resident (6 months)
- Age 19 and over
- Uninsurable by medical or insurance determination
- ☐ "Go Bare" (without health coverage): 6 months
- No access to insurance at time of application
- Exhausted continuation coverage (including COBRA)



## ACCESS®TN

#### Special enrollment for those removed from TennCare

- □ During the first 60 days after program launch, TennCare disenrollees who have secured HIPAA coverage will not have to go without insurance for six months to qualify
  - All other applicants must meet this requirement
  - Capacity for 6,000 participants in AccessTN\*
- ☐ Special enrollment period is not available to individuals removed from the program for reasons other than eligibility reform

<sup>\*</sup> Set by AccessTN Board of Directors based on current fiscal projections.



# ACCESS®TN

#### **Benefits**

- □ Comprehensive coverage
  - Modeled on state employee health plan
- ☐ 3 plan options
  - \$1000 deductible
  - \$2500 deductible HSA eligible
  - \$5000 deductible
- 6 month pre-existing condition waiting period
  - No wait for preventative care, pharmacy, or outpatient behavioral therapy



# ACCESS®TN

#### Cost

- Premiums capped at 1.5 to 2 times standard market rates
  - HIPAA policies typically run 4 to 5 times standard rates
- Monthly premiums vary for age, tobacco use and obesity status, and depend on which coverage plan is selected
  - Premiums range from \$270 to \$1160 per month
- \$13 million in premium assistance available for low income plan participants
  - Most generous premium assistance funding program in the nation
- Combination of funding sources
  - Premiums cover 60% of the projected costs to insure an individual
  - State subsidy and an assessment on the insurance industry cover the balance



# ACCESS®TN

Plan 1000: \$1000 deductible										
	Target Weight & Below					Above Target Weight				
	Non T	obacco User		Tobacco User	No	Non-Tobacco User		obacco User		
Under Age 30	\$	387	\$	445	\$	430	\$	494		
30-39	\$	450	\$	517	\$	500	\$	574		
40-49	\$	546	\$	628	\$	607	\$	698		
50-59	\$	649	\$	747	\$	722	\$	830		
60-64	\$	766	\$	881	\$	851	\$	979		
65+	\$	904	\$	1,040	\$	1,005	\$	1,156		



# ACCESS®TN

Plan 2500: \$2500 deductible (HSA Eligible)										
		Target We	elow		Above Target Weight					
	Non Tobacco User Tobacco User Non-Tobacco Us			-Tobacco User	Tobacco User					
Under Age 30	\$	318	\$	366	\$	353	\$	406		
30-39	\$	369	\$	425	\$	410	\$	472		
40-49	\$	449	\$	516	\$	498	\$	573		
50-59	\$	534	\$	614	\$	593	\$	682		
60-64	\$	630	\$	724	\$	699	\$	804		
65+	\$	743	\$	855	\$	826	\$	950		



# ACCESS®TN

Plan 5000: \$5000 deductible										
		Target Wei	ght & Be	elow		Above Target Weight				
	Non To	Tobacco User Non-Tobacco User		Non-Tobacco User			Tobacco User			
Under Age 30	\$	273	\$	313	\$	303	\$	348		
30-39	\$	317	\$	364	\$	352	\$	404		
40-49	\$	384	\$	442	\$	427	\$	491		
50-59	\$	457	\$	526	\$	508	\$	584		
60-64	\$	539	\$	620	\$	599	\$	689		
65+	\$	637	\$	732	\$	708	\$	814		



# ACCESS®TN

#### **Timeline**

- September, 2006: Board of Directors named
  - Oversees the design and administration of the program
- January, 2007: Awarded competitive contract to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee to administer plan
- March, 2007: Enrollment begins

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# COVERTN

Creates a partnership between the state, small employers and individuals to offer affordable, portable, basic health benefits for small business

- □ Key Principles:
  - Affordable healthcare coverage
  - Portable
  - Basic health benefits



# COVERTN

- ☐ Affordable healthcare coverage
  - Reduced premiums shared equally by the employer, individual and state
  - Individual's monthly premium share will range between \$34 and \$99
  - Premiums vary depending on age, tobacco use, and obesity
  - No deductibles; reasonable co-pays capped at:
    - \$15 to \$20 for doctor and outpatient hospital visits
    - \$10 to \$25 for prescription drugs
    - \$100 for emergency room visit

#### Portable

- Owned by the individual
- Individual can keep coverage even if they leave an employer
- Provides continued coverage during brief periods of unemployment



# COVERTN

- Basic health benefits
  - Focus on first dollar coverage (no deductible) for preventive and primary care
  - Provide most needed services to those with no coverage today
  - Cost containment through services
     limits rather than excluding services
  - Benefits include:
    - Physician services
    - Hospital services
    - · Generic pharmacy coverage
    - Outpatient services
    - Lab services
    - · Mental Health services

	Plan A	Plan B	
Physician office visits Includes primary care and specialists	\$15 co-pay Up to 5 visits per year	\$20 co-pay Up to 6 visits per year	
Pharmacy services Includes generic and brand name drugs	\$10 co-pay generic \$25 co-pay brand Max quarterly benefit \$250	\$8 co-pay generic \$25 co-pay brand Max quarterly benefit \$75	
Inpatient hospital Includes medical, surgical, psychiatric and substance abuse services	\$100 co-pay up to \$10,000 in services	\$100 co-pay up to \$15,000 in services	
Outpatient hospital Includes ER, medical, surgical, radiology and pathology services	\$100 co-pay ER non- emergency \$25 other services 1 surgical visit per year 2 non-surgical visits per year	\$100 co-pay ER non-emergency \$25 other services 1 surgical visit per year 2 non-surgical visits per year	
Preventive care  Includes pap smears, PSA, mammogram, immunizations	No co-pay 1 adult physical per year 1 well woman visit per year	No co-pay 1 adult physical per year 1 well woman visit per year	
Outpatient behavioral health Includes mental health and substance abuse services	\$25 co-pay per visit 10 visits per year	\$25 co-pay per visit 10 visits per year	
Maternity services Other covered services in both plans	Home health care Chem Hospice care Radio Prosthetics Recor	Provided under CoverKids tic supplies totherapy and radiation logy and pathology estructive breast surgery le medical equipment	





#### Start small and grow over time

- ☐ At launch, CoverTN will target small businesses and their employees
  - These employers will commit to:
    - Paying 1/3 premium
    - Offering plan to all employees
    - · Provides mechanism for payroll deductions for premium collection
- ☐ In phase two, expanded eligibility
  - Employers of up to 50 full time equivalent employees
  - Individuals working for non-participating employers





#### **Employer eligibility requirements**

- Located in Tennessee
- □ 25 or fewer full-time employees or equivalent; also includes self-employed
- □ 50% of employees earn \$41,000 or less
- Business offers the plan to all employees
- ☐ Business must pay at least 1/3 share of premiums
- ☐ Business has not offered employer-sponsored insurance for 6 months, or if offered, employer has not paid 50% or more of employee premiums





#### **Employer Options**

- ☐ Cover Employee share of CoverTN premium
  - Employer may choose to cover the employee's 1/3 share of premium
- Contribute to premium for spousal policy under CoverTN
  - Spousal policies are available for participants of CoverTN, but the employer is not obligated to contribute to premiums

There is no family policy under CoverTN, but t he spouse of a CoverTN plan participant may be eligible to enroll in a separate individual CoverTN policy if he/she otherwise meets employee eligibility requirements.





#### **Employee eligibility requirements**

- ☐ Tennessee resident (6 months)\*
- Works at least 20 hours per week, on average
- US citizen or qualified alien
- Did not voluntarily stop health insurance in the last six months
- Commits to pay 1/3 share of premium
- If the employer qualifies to offer CoverTN, the employees qualify to participate regardless of income.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-Tennessee residents who work for participating Tennessee employers and otherwise meet eligibility requirements can still enroll in CoverTN, but will not receive state subsidy.

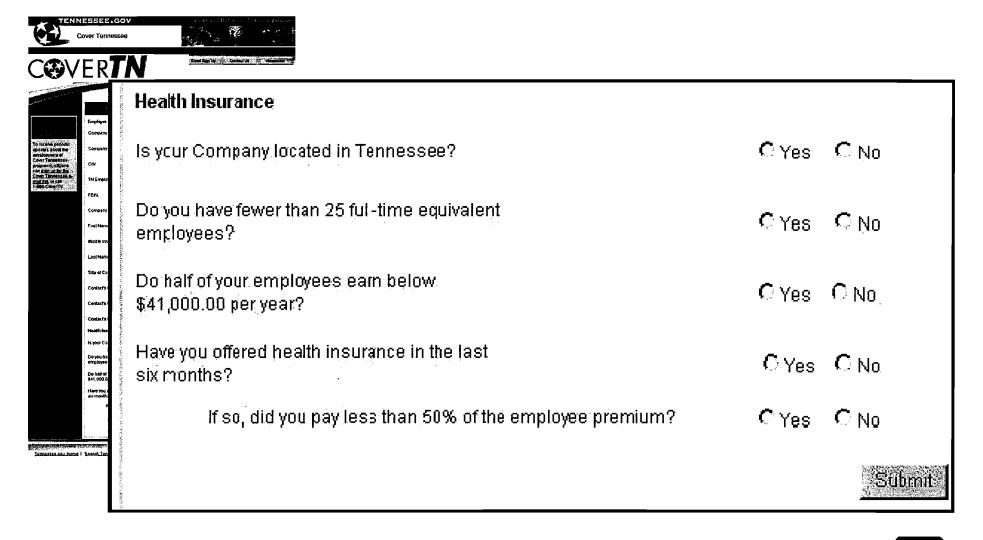
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### Employer Pre-qualification









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	Does Not Use Tobacco		Uses Tobacco		Does Not Use Tobacco		Uses Tobacco		
Age	Normal Weight	Obese	Normal Weight	Obese	Normal Weight	Obese	Normal Weight	Obese	
Under 30	\$103	\$113	\$123	\$133	\$34.33	\$37.67	\$41.00	\$44.33	
30-39	\$126	\$139	\$146	\$159	\$42.00	\$46.33	\$48.67	\$53.00	
40-49	\$155	\$170	\$175	\$190	\$51.67	\$56.67	\$58.33	\$63.33	
50-59	\$189	\$208	\$209	\$228	\$63.00	\$69.33	\$69.67	\$76.00	
60-64	\$216	\$238	\$236	\$258	\$72.00	\$79.33	\$78.67	\$86.00	
65+	\$253	\$278	\$273	\$298	\$84.33	\$92.67	\$91.00	\$99.33	





#### **Timeline**

- ☐ September, 2006: Began pre-qualification of eligible employers
- January, 2007: Awarded contract to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee to administer plan
- ☐ February, 2007: Employer qualification begins
- March, 2007: Enrollment begins

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## Prescription Assistance



# COVER Rx

- ☐ This is not insurance
  - Access to affordable medications for Tennesseans without pharmacy coverage
  - More than 200 generic drugs, plus insulin and diabetic supplies
  - Includes mental health drugs
  - Includes discount for additional drugs not included in base formulary
  - No premium payment; sliding scale co-payments based on income
- ☐ Eligibility:
  - Tennessee resident (6 months)
  - US citizen or qualified legal alien
  - Age 19 to 64
  - Household income below 250% FPL
  - Cannot have access to pharmacy coverage

## Prescription Assistance



# COVER Rx

	CoverRx Co-Pays: Sliding	g Scale Based on Income	
Persons in Household	Below FPL	FPL to 149% FPL	150% FPL to 250% FPL
1	\$0 - \$10,209	\$ 10,210 - \$15,314	\$15,315 - \$25,525
2	\$0 - \$13,689	\$13,690 - \$20,534	\$20,535 - \$34,225
3	\$0 - \$17,169	\$17,170 - \$25,754	\$25,754 - \$42,925
4	\$0 - \$20,649	\$20,650 - \$30,974	\$30,975 - \$51,625
5	\$0 - \$24,129	\$24,130 - \$36,194	\$36,195 - \$60,325
6	\$0 - \$27,609	\$27,610 - \$41,414	\$41,415 - \$69,025
7	\$0 - \$31,089	\$31,090 - \$46,634	\$46,635 - \$77,725
8	\$0 - \$34,569	\$34,570 - \$51,854	\$51,855 - \$86,425
_	Co-Pay	Structure	
Generics: 30 day supply	\$3	\$6	\$10
Generics: 90 day supply*	\$3	\$12	\$20
Brand/Insulin/Diabetic Supplies: 30 day supply or up to covered limit	\$5	\$10	\$15
All Others:	Lesser of Discount, MAC or U&C	Lesser of Discount, MAC or U&C	Lesser of Discount, MAC or U&C

<sup>\* 90</sup> day supplies available only through mail order and select retail pharmacies that have chosen to participate.

## Prescription Assistance





#### Timeline:

- ☐ September, 2006: Issued RFP for Plan Administrator
- ☐ October, 2006: Contract awarded to Express Scripts
- December, 2006: Participants in Mental Health Safety Net auto-enrolled
- ☐ January, 2007: Open enrollment and participation began

### **Prevention & Responsibility**



## **Project** DIABETES

Launching a major public health effort to help Tennesseans improve their exercise and eating habits; focused on reducing the incidence of Type 2 Diabetes and obesity

- ProjectDiabetes
- Coordinated School Health

Diabetes is the only major disease with a death rate that is still rising – up 22 percent since 1990 – and it has emerged as the leading cause of kidney failure, blindness and non-traumatic amputation (NY Times, May 16, 2006)

### **Prevention & Responsibility**



# **Project** DIABETES

- Awareness campaign layered with high impact programs
  - GetFitTN Governor Bredesen recruits community leaders to drive community awareness and healthier lifestyle choices
- Grants for Health Care Providers
  - \$6 million in grants will be distributed to providers for education, treatment and prevention initiatives focused on Type 2 Diabetes and obesity
- Coordinated School Health
  - Successful pilot program has led Tennessee to be the first state to fund CSH statewide expansion

## **Funding Summary**



Laster etc.	State Funding								
Initiative	FY07	FY08	FY09	Three Year Total					
CoverKids	\$7M	\$21.2M	\$35M	\$63.2M					
AccessTN*	\$3.8M (program cost) \$13M (premium assistance)	\$10M \$13M	\$10M \$13M	\$23.8M \$39M					
CoverTN	\$34M	\$34M	\$57M	\$125M					
CoverRx**	\$11.5M	\$16.8 <b>M</b>	\$16.8M	\$45.1M					
ProjectDiabetes	\$7M	\$7M	\$7M	\$21M					
Coordinated School Health	\$8M	\$15.9 <b>M</b>	\$15.9M	\$39.8M					
Totals	\$84.3 <b>M</b>	\$117.9M	\$154.7 <b>M</b>	\$356.9M					

<sup>\*</sup>Additional \$ 25M non-recurring in reserve for AccessTN HIFA waiver. Additional \$ 10M non-recurring in reserve for AccessTN program costs.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Additional \$ 11.5M in FY07 for close out of existing pharmacy safety net program while new program is procured.

## Net Impact



- More than 800,000 uninsured Tennesseans will have an option for affordable, portable health insurance
- ☐ Creates health insurance options without creating entitlement programs
- ☐ Provides badly needed health insurance options for small businesses and their employees
- ☐ Promotes prevention and personal responsibility

### For More Information



All products will be up and running in early 2007.

Call or login to sign up for updates to receive more information as it becomes available.

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